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SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF IRANIAN MANAGER OF AMERICAN
HOUSING PROJECT

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1. ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY INFORMED CONTINENTAL HOMES MAY 22
THAT IT HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM PMG FOREIGN MINISTRY
TO EFFECT THAT PMG AUTHORITIES COULD FIND NO TRACE OF
SOUDAGAR AND IT WAS BELIEVED HE HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY.
THIS INFORMATION RESULTED FROM CONTINENTAL'S PROTEST TO
ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY REGARDING ARREST OF SOUDAGAR.

2. CONTINENTAL INFORMS US THAT IT HAS LEARNED FROM AN
INDIAN FRIEND OF SOUDAGAR'S, WHO CITED A SYMPATHETIC
ETHIOPIAN OFFICER AS HIS SOURCE, THAT SOUDAGAR IS NOW
BEING HELD IN ADDIS AND IS IN BAD SHAPE AS RESULT OF
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HAVING BEEN BEATEN. SOUDAGAR'S WIFE, WHO HAD LEFT COUNTRY,

HAS NOW APPARENTLY RETURNED AS RESULT OF LEARNING ABOUT
HIS INTERNMENT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONTINUING INQUIRIES INTO
THIS SUBJECT AND TAKING WHATEVER STEPS ARE APPROPRIATE TO
ASSIST SOUDAGAR AND HOPEFULLY TO HAVE HIM RELEASED SO HE CAN

LEAVE COUNTRY. WHILE SOUDAGAR NOT A US NATIONAL THIS
ASSISTANCE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF HIS EMPLOYMENT
BY AN AMERICAN FIRM. INGERSOLL

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